

**Draft Priston Village Design Statement
Supplementary Planning Document
Consultation Report**

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Appendix 1 Draft SPD consultation responses in full

1. Statement of Compliance of overall consultation with the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol

- 1.1 This report sets out the compliance of the overall consultation for the Priston Village Design Statement (VDS) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) with the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol (SCI), giving details of consultation activities undertaken and responses received.
- 1.2 Considerable consultation has been undertaken by the Parish Council and Working Party within the village on the VDS, as well as the formal 4 week consultation undertaken by B&NES for its conversion to SPD. This is in line with the requirements of the B&NES Neighbourhood Planning Protocol (SCI) and with Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012).
- 1.3 The key target groups focused on in this consultation were residents of Priston. Consultation was also undertaken with statutory consultees, such as Historic England and also included neighbouring Parish Councils and Ward Councillors.

2. Consultation on the VDS

- 2.1 Prior to the consultation on the draft Priston Village Design Statement SPD (18th June to 16th July 2018) extensive consultation had been undertaken within Priston by the Parish Council and VDS Working Group. These are summarised in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Summary of earlier consultation on the VDS

Public Meeting	A Public Meeting was held within Priston on 22 November 2014 to discuss with villagers how to broaden the work previously undertaken on the Placemaking Plan to produce a Village Design Statement (VDS). A small VDS Working Group was formed to take forward the work.
Informal Consultation	A Drop-In Session was held in the Village Hall on 7 March 2015 and as part of the process, the VDS Working Group issued a questionnaire to all households in the village in early May 2015. The questionnaire was distributed to all 89 households of the village and the surrounding area. The 75 responses (84%) gave the opinions of 132 villagers to the questions asked and these were used in compiling the VDS.
Formal Consultation	The Priston Village Design Statement Working Party produced a draft document which was endorsed by the Parish Council at its meeting of 11 July 2016. A consultation period of 8 weeks, ending on 30 September 2016, was provided for the whole parish to comment on the draft VDS. As part of this a Drop-in Day was held at the Priston Village Hall on Saturday September 10th to enable parishioners to discuss the VDS with members of the Working Party.

Submission to B&NES	Comments received by the VDS Working Group were considered and were included where appropriate. The VDS was then submitted and B&NES Officers subsequently confirmed that the VDS would be considered a material consideration in planning applications, and will also be considered for adoption as a SPD.
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3. Meeting with Working Party

- 3.1 A meeting was held on the 13th December 2017 with B&NES Officers and the Working Party where requirements for putting the draft VDS forward as a SPD was discussed. Following this meeting the document was reviewed by a Heritage consultant and minor amendments were made to the document.

4. Conversion of the VDS to an SPD

- 4.1 A Given the extensive consultation carried out within the Parish, a formal 4 weeks consultation of the draft SPD was undertaken by B&NES in line with Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 4.2 The public consultation on the draft SPD was held between 18th June and 16th July 2018. During this period the following activities were undertaken:
- A notification flyer was circulated to all households in Priston, with details added to public noticeboards
 - A notification email was circulated to targeted consultees
 - A specific webpage was set up to include a copy of the draft SPD, how to comment and details about the consultation.
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents-spds-and-0>
 - Details of the consultation was also made available on the Priston village website www.priston.org
 - Hard copies of the Supplementary Planning Document and details of the consultation were made available within Priston and within Bath at the Council's one stop shop in Bath and Central Library.

5. Summary of responses to the consultation and Council response to key issues raised

- 5.1 Respondents had the option of submitting representations either online form via the Council website, e-mail or post.
- 5.2 1 comment was received during the consultation period.
- 5.3 The comment, from Historic England, was supportive of the content of the Visual Design Statement and the adoption of the document as a Supplementary Planning Document. The comment can be read in full at **Appendix 1**

Consultation Draft Priston Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Please return this form with your representations to Planning Policy **by 5 pm on 16th July 2018** by:

- email to planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk ;
- post to Planning Policy, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG;

This form has two main parts:

Part A - Personal Details

Part B -Your representations(s)

Part A

Title:	Mr
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Postcode:	[REDACTED]
Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	16.7.18.

Part B Consultation Questions

Section of draft SPD that you are commenting on: All

Comment:

Thank you for consulting us on the proposed Priston VDS SPD. We see few such consultations and fewer still being proposed as SPDs. This for Priston is significant as it is particularly well informed by an understanding of the settlement's distinctive historic character. This has been used to identify the issues upon which the suite of recommendations has been based. Our congratulations therefore to the community for preparing the VDS and to the Council for wishing to make it an SPD.

It will be interesting over time to monitor how the enhanced status of the VDS adds value to decision making and the protection and enhancement of Priston as an historic settlement.

Please continue on a separate sheet if required